

## **ECSD Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teachers and Teaching (ECET<sup>2</sup>)**

More than 100 public school teachers, selected by their administrators, are heading to class this weekend. But instead of teaching students, they'll be learning from each other. The third annual Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teachers and Teaching (ECET<sup>2</sup>) conference, an entirely teacher-led and teacher-inspired conference, will bring together these educators to share classroom practices and discuss issues shaping the teaching profession. District teachers were awarded a grant from the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, and remaining funds were donated from community members and the Escambia County School District Department of Professional Learning.

The focus of this year's conference is to help teachers discover ways they can meet the Superintendent's focus - Vision 2020. Teachers will explore ways to allow students to have more choice and more voice in their learning, through professional development sessions delivered by district teachers. The sessions include such topics as Collaborative Learning, Designing Creative Curriculum, and Personalized Learning. In addition, Dr. Karen Owen, will be presenting a leadership development session designed to strengthen attendee's leadership skills.

The committee in charge of the conference made it a point to include as many student groups as possible. Booker T Washington High School's ROTC cadets will be on hand, along with members of the Pine Forest High School's Multi-Media Academy and other student photographers. Various cheerleading squads will be on hand to greet the teachers as they arrive, and a student orchestra will help set the tone of the morning.

The ECET<sup>2</sup> conference will be held Sat., Oct. 15, from 7:30 - 3:30 at Spencer Bibbs Professional Learning Center, located at 2005 North 6th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32503. Media is invited to attend the event. POC at the event will be Cathy Rudd, Consulting Teacher, [Crudd2@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:Crudd2@escambia.k12.fl.us), cell # 850-380-0942.

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